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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 1. SUBPARA C)

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SUBJECT: POST-QUITO ROUND ROBIN LETTER

1. PLEASE CANCEL AND DESTROY STATE 255684(EXDIS) DATED
NOVEMBER 20 AND DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO YOUR FOREIGN
MINISTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER:

A. BEGIN TEXT. MR. MINISTER: ONCE MORE I WANT TO
EXPRESS MY PERSONAL REGRET THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MADE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE WITH YOU IN QUITO. I WAS IN
CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING THE
MEETING AND RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT UPON THEIR RETURN.

B. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IN THE AFTERMATH OF QUITO,
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WITH OUR MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES ONLY FOUR MONTHS AWAY,

THIS MIGHT BE A PROPITIOUS TIME TO TAKE A BROAD VIEW OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE INCLUSIVE RESULTS OF THE QUITO CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATE TO US ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF FULLER CONSULTATION IN ADVANCE OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS OPEN-MINDED ON THE SUBJECT DEBATED AT THE QUITO MEETING AND IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE OUR EXCHANGES -- ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS -- WITH GOOD WILL AND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE SO HOPEFULLY AND WELL BEGUN AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE OAS. I WOULD BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON WHERE WE SHOULD GO FROM HERE, NOT ONLY ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE QUITO MEETING, BUT ON THE WORK IN PROGRESS IN THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND IN THE WORKING GROUPS CREATED AFTER THE APRIL MFM IN WASHINGTON.

C. IN MY VIEW, WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE HOW THESE MATTERS LEND THEMSELVES TO CONCRETE SOLUTIONS IN THE SHORT RUN. IF WE DO SO, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE MORE DIFFICULT AND LONGER RANGE QUESTIONS, IT COULD PROVIDE A MOMENTUM OF PROGRESS WHICH WOULD SUSTAIN THE NEW DIALOGUE WITH A SENSE OF REAL AND SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENT.

D. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND TO BEING WITH YOU AT THE MARCH MEETING OF OUR COLLEAGUES. WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT.

2. AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN: DO NOT DELIVER THE ABOVE TEXT. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING DIFFERENT TEXT BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM. INGERSOLL

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